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Victims Encouraged To Get Help

Statement from CalVCP on new PSA efforts

Sacramento, CA — California Victim Compensation Program Executive Officer Julie Nauman released the following statement regarding a new 30 second video public service announcement (PSA) about the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP).

"CalVCP is proud to share a new PSA to encourage victims of crime to contact CalVCP for assistance. This PSA alludes to a woman becoming the victim of a crime. In distress, she contacts CalVCP and is able to get help.

"Many of us know someone who has been a victim of crime. It could be a family member, neighbor, coworker, or a close friend. We have created this video to educate the community that help is available for those affected by robbery, domestic violence, assault, or even murder.

"Crime hurts everyone and impacts survivors in many ways, including emotionally and monetarily. Every Californian needs to know that help is available, and this PSA will help accomplish that."

To learn more about our program or find help in your area, please visit our website or call us at (800) 777-9229. To view this public service announcement, visit the CalVCP <u>YouTube</u> page.

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter. Last fiscal year, the program assisted over 800 individuals each week, and provided over \$61 million in compensation to crime victims.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds.

For more information about victims' rights and services, visit CalVCP at calvcp.ca.gov.